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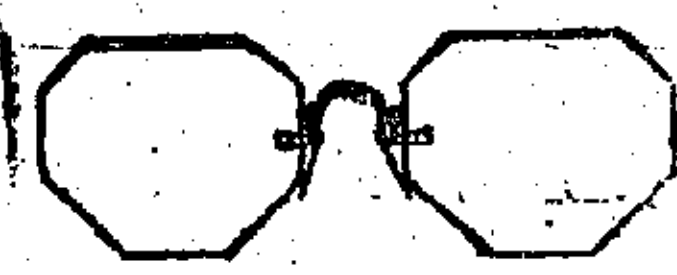
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FAILURE TO REPORT MISHAPS TO R.101.

Startling Evidence by Sir John Higgins.

LORD THOMSON'S HASTE.

London, Yesterday.
At the R.101 enquiry to-day, Sir John Simon, questioning Air Marshal Sir John Higgins, elicited the fact that the repairs to the gas bags, which were holed through chafing, also the engine that broke down during the trials, were not reported to the Air Ministry.

Sir John Simon read a minute by Lord Thomson insisting on adherence to the programme of the Indian flight. Sir John Higgins said that as he realised that Lord Thomson was determined to have the ship ready for India by the end of September, every effort was made to speed up the work.

Lieut.-Colonel Moore Brabazon (one of the assessors) asked, if Lord Thomson had not wanted to go to India himself, would Sir John Higgins have ordered her to India in view of the alterations made to her?

Sir John Higgins replied that that was an hypothetical question which he did not think he could answer, but on what he heard from Wing Commander Colmore and Major Scott about the results of the trial, he would have been satisfied that the ship was safe to go to India.

That's All Settled.

Air Vice-Marshal Dowding asserted that as the airship had not done full power trials, he told Lord Thomson that he proposed to instruct Wing Commander Colmore to carry out full power trials as soon as possible after leaving India, so that if anything were not satisfactory, there would still be time to turn back, after which Lord Thomson remarked "That's all settled then," showing that he was absolutely confident.

Sir John Simon declared that there was no written report on the last trial flight, and no written inspection sheet of what was observed during and after the flight, and asked: "Is it a fact that just at this moment the Air Ministry granted an airworthiness certificate?"

Air Vice-Marshal Dowding replied, "A certificate was issued by the Secretary of State, having regard to the reports furnished to him," presumably by Commander Colmore.

The hearing was at this stage adjourned.
Compensation to Be Paid.
Mr. F. Montague, speaking in the House of Commons, announced that the compensation pensions for the dependants of the victims of the R.101, for Air Force officers and men, would vary from £180 with a gratuity of £450 plus £24, annually and each child to pensions of 22 shillings weekly, plus five shillings for each child.

In regard to the civilians, pensions varying from £100 to £300, with special children's allowances, except those receiving workmen's compensation, whose awards where necessary, would be made up to scale. Paid civilians were not so qualified.—Reuter.

Lord Thomson's Minute.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A minute written by Lord Thomson, the Air Minister, who was killed in the R.101, was put in evidence at to-day's session of the inquiry into the disaster. The minute had reference to the preparations for departure for India and read, "So long as the R.101 is ready to go to India by the last week in September, this further delay in getting her altered may pass. I must insist on the programme for the India flight being adhered to, as I have made my plans accordingly."

Air Marshal Sir John Higgins, in the witness box, was asked whether the minute influenced the course of events. He said that the preparations may have been speeded up in consequence, but on reports from Wing Commander Colmore and Major Scott that the trial flight was satisfactory, he would in any case have been satisfied that the ship was safe to go to India.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. ELECTIONS.

MAJORITY OF ONE SEAT FOR REPUBLICANS.

FINAL POSITION.

New York, Yesterday.
The final position in the new Senate is:
Republicans 48, Democrats 47.
Farmer Labour, one.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier News.
It is now likely that the Democrats will predominate in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. The latest figures show that in the Senate the Democrats and Republicans have 47 seats each, and the Farmer-Labour Party one. The results in Kentucky have not yet been announced, but are likely to favour the Democrats.

In the House of Representatives the Democrats have 209 seats and the Republicans 205. Farmer-Labour has one. Results in 20 cases are still awaited.—Reuter's American Service.

With the position both in the Senate and the House of Representatives now amounting almost to a deadlock Republicans and Democrats alike are breathlessly awaiting the final reports from outlying districts and the recounts in certain divisions.

The division of parties in both Houses next Congress will be so close that neither party will have a working majority, and any independent movement which may develop on either side will be in a position to hold the balance of power.

The latest state of the parties in the House of Representatives is: Republicans 216, Democrats 210, Farmer-Labour one.

The Democrats need all the eight outstanding seats for a bare majority.
Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the Republican Speaker in the House of Representatives, and Mr. W. C. Hawley (Oregon), who is chairman of the committee which framed the recent Tariff Act, have both retained their seats.

The Federal Secretary of Labour, Mr. J. J. Davis, has been elected to the Senate for Pennsylvania with the huge majority of 804,000, surpassing even the margin secured by Mr. Franklin Roosevelt for the Governorship of New York State.

Out of 32 States holding elections for Governors, the Democrats have won 16 and the Republicans 11.

The "vets" all over the country are jubilant at the results of the election, which give them 18 seats in the Senate and 135 in the House of Representatives. This is not overwhelming strength, but is considerable compared with four years ago, when most of the Congressmen would have considered it suicidal openly to oppose prohibition. It is now learned that the prohibition referendum in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Illinois in each case resulted in a decisive victory for the "vets."

The Republicans have suffered the worst defeat in a generation. The notabilities elected include Doctor Wilbur Cross, ex-Governor of Yale, who becomes the first Democratic Governor of Connecticut in the past twenty years.

The New York Times (independent) attributes the landslide to widespread discontent with the Hoover administration's failure to deal effectively with unemployment and business depression. It says the Republican boast of party prosperity has come home to roost with a vengeance. The paper considers prohibition and the new Tariff Act to be other causes of the Republican reverse.—Reuter's American Service.

DROWNING ACCIDENTS.

Chan Tai, a married woman residing on board a boat, has reported to the Police that between 11.30 on the 5th instant and 4 o'clock yesterday her son, Leung Kun-yau, aged one year, disappeared from the boat at the Mongkok Ferry Wharf. It is believed that the baby was drowned.

In another report, Wan Fu, a seaman on the Yaumati Ferry launch, Man, Yee, stated that at about 5.40 p.m. yesterday, whilst the vessel was steaming off the Naval Yard wall, the alarm was raised "Man Overboard." The ferry was stopped and reversed. After search no sign of any person could be made.

PRESSMEN WALK OUT AT GENEVA.

Refusal to Have Soviet Speech Translated.

DRASTIC DISARMAMENT.

Geneva, Yesterday.
"We are about to produce a revolutionary change in the world," predicted Lord Cecil in his speech, although he counselled against undue haste and was in favour of compromises on points of difference.

Later, M. Litvinoff and M. Landon (the Chairman) again conflicted on the subject of the non-translation of the former's speech, which filled nine typed pages, resurrecting the Soviet proposals for more drastic disarmament.

Speech Too Long.

M. Litvinoff's speech was made in broken English, and was not translated into French owing to its length.—Reuter.

Earlier Cable.

The seventh session of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission opened under the chairmanship of Heer Lovdon (Netherlands) who called to order M. Litvinoff (Russia) for starting a long dissertation on disarmament, notwithstanding the Commission's decision to abstain from a general discussion and concentrate on the articles of the convention.

Journalists walked out when the chairman declined to allow M. Litvinoff's speech to be translated into French.

Britain submitted a proposal permitting the signatories temporarily to increase their peace time armaments beyond the agreed figures, if menaced by an organised rebellion, subject to the consent of the Council; also a proposal to establish a permanent Disarmament Committee (whose members should be independent of their governments) to supervise the working of the Convention, and report annually to the League.—Reuter.

WILD MONGOOSE.

SHOPKEEPER "WANTS TO EAT IT."

STORY NOT BELIEVED.

A wild mongoose, confined in a small wire cage, was exhibited in the Central Court this morning, when before Mr. R. E. Lindsell a Chinese shop keeper was charged by Lance-Sergeant Woods with cruelty.

Sergeant Woods told his Worship that the animal was in the wire cage, and was exhibited outside defendant's shop, where there were also monkeys and snakes in cages. The cruelty lay in the fact that the mongoose's paws were torn and cut, and it was obvious that the animal was in great pain.

Defendant, replying to Mr. Lindsell, said that the animal came from Kwong Si, and that it was wild.

His Worship: "What do you want to keep a wild animal for?—I want to eat it. I had it outside the shop to wash it."

Sergeant Woods said that that was not the case. The animal was exhibited to attract customers, who crowded round the cage and frightened the mongoose.
His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, and warned the defendant that he would either have to dispose of the animal or not keep it confined in a small cage. If he continued to do the latter then he would be brought again to Court.

DID NOT REPORT.

DRIVER OF TAXICAB PENALISED.

The Chinese driver of a taxi was to-day summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Court, with having failed to report an accident which occurred on October 30 in Pedder Street, when he knocked down a Parsee.

Traffic-inspector Alexander emphasised that the parking places in Pedder Street for taxis were very awkward. One company occupied the east side and the other the west. It was also stated that the Parsee was laid up in bed for a time as a result of the accident. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

ACTING TREASURER RESIGNS.

\$27,000,000 Loan Bonds to Be Held a Year More.

LABOUR RESOLUTION.

Canberra, Yesterday.
Mr. Lyons, the Acting Treasurer, has resigned following a resolution by the Labour Caucus ordering the legislation to compel holders of the \$27,000,000 loan, maturing in December, to hold their bonds another year. The resolution laid down that interest would be paid as usual and that necessitous holders would be enabled to cash small amounts of bonds.—Reuter.

MRS. VICTOR BRUCE.

Expected To Arrive This Afternoon.

The China Mail was courteously informed this morning by the local office of the Asiatic Petroleum Company that the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, the British lady who is attempting a solo flight to Japan, landed at Hanoi yesterday afternoon.

If present plans are carried out, it is expected that she will arrive in Hong Kong some time this afternoon.

Later advices from other sources were to the effect that Mrs. Bruce might be expected about 4 o'clock.

FRANCE SHAKEN BY BANK FAILURES.

Fishing Smacks Badly Affected.

M. TARDIEU INTERVIEWS.

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Tardieu, the Premier, is personally taking steps to minimise the injury due through the recent closing of the Adam Bank, one of the oldest banking institutions with over 100 branches in north France. The crash is particularly felt in Boulogne, whose population deposited its savings in the Adam Bank, and 100 fishing smacks are lying idle, their owners being unable to pay their crews.

Arrangements are being made to liquidate the assets, which are stated to be ample to cover the commitments. Meanwhile, the direct consequence of the Adam Bank failure is that the Banque La Cour et Chasseraud of Angoulême has temporarily ceased operations, and an important provincial bank, Le Credit du Rhone, has closed its doors, though it is understood to have obtained support to enable a re-opening to-morrow.

Further Shock.
A further shock was caused this afternoon by the news of the suspension of the Oustric Bank, with a capital of 100,000,000 francs, which worked in close relation with the Adam Bank and the Credit du Rhone.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday.
The Daily Herald says that six of the largest British trans-Atlantic shipping companies—the Cunard, White Star, Canadian Pacific, Anchor, Red Star and Atlantic Transport, have completed rationalisation plans with a view to cutting out wasteful British competition. United sailing announcements have already begun and experts believe that closer arrangements will be made.

The companies mentioned own 52 liners, valued at \$55,000,000. The lines will continue as separate entities.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The committee of the Association of International Journalists have protested to M. Landon at the absence of a French translation to M. Litvinoff's speech.—Reuter.

WOMAN SWINDLER UNMASKED.

Second Trick in Same Rice Shop.

EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

An extraordinary case came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese woman was charged with having obtained \$5 by false pretences from the Man Cheung Tai rice shop, at 12, Cross Street. She denied having cheated.

According to Detective Sergeant Ritchie, the facts of the case went to show that the woman, who had her baby in arms, went into the shop to buy \$1 worth of rice. At the counter she handed in a \$10 bill to the accountant, who gave her the change in a roll of \$5 of silver and four silver dollars. When the accountant was not looking, she slipped the roll of money in her girdle, and left the silver dollars on the counter. She then said "I am \$5 short." The accountant said that he had given her correct change, and the woman offered to be searched. Being a man he dared not touch her, and so an assistant woman hawkler from the street was called in. After search the roll was found concealed in the defendant's girdle.

Compensated with \$10.

In his evidence, the accountant said that although the defendant stood directly opposite him, it was quite possible that she thought that he (witness) paid no attention to what she was doing with the money, because there were many other customers in the shop at the time. He added that two months ago she played the same trick on the shop.

She bought \$1 worth of rice, and handed in a \$50 bill. He returned \$49 as the change, and she declared that it was \$10 short. The workers in the shop, being all men, dared not touch her, and the woman was, therefore, compensated with \$10. "I would like to point out," said the witness, "that when she was compensated with \$10 she did not buy the rice, because she did not want to live her address."

Corroborative evidence as to search was given by the woman hawkler, after which his Worship convicted.

\$919 in Notes.
Sergeant Ritchie said that he would like to bring to his Worship's notice a curious thing in connection with the case. When the woman was searched at the charge room \$919 in notes was found in her possession. Asked as how she came by this money she replied that her husband was saving up for their marriage.

She took a detective to Yaumati, where the husband was located. He corroborated what the woman had told the Police, and also added that he had worked on a ship as carpenter for the past two years, earning \$65 a month.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour, and said that as regards the money \$9 was to be returned to the rice shop, and \$10 would go back to the defendant's purse.

MINE EXPLOSION.

DEATH ROLL MOUNTS TO NINETY-FOUR.

OVER 200 ESCAPE.

Athens, Ohio, Yesterday.
Mine officials now state that the death toll is 94. There were 360 men in the pit at the time of the disaster.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier News.
The victims of the mine disaster include all eight of the leading officials.

Later.
In addition to nearly 160 killed, and 26 rescued, a score of miners entombed alive are expected to be brought up safely.

Most of the survivors are in bad condition. They owe their lives to brattishing themselves in the chamber where the poison gases were not dense.

The positions of the dead indicate that they made a desperate effort to flee. Ten succumbed at the entrance to the ventilating shaft.—Reuter's American Service.

"WIND UP."

MANAGER OF FACTORY TAKES OUT WARRANT.

BUT WITHDRAWS CHARGE.

A Chinese named Tong Tak-woon appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters to-day on a charge of alleged embezzlement of money.

The complainant in the case was Tsang Sing-nam, manager of the Mo Chuh Soy factory, of 149 Cheungshawan.

The defendant was not legally represented, whilst Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the complainant. When the case was called, Mr. Loseby asked for permission to withdraw the charge against the defendant. He said that defendant had been employed by the complainant as canvasser and in that capacity he had collected debts amounting to about \$800 on behalf of the complainant's firm.

Then defendant suddenly became ill and went to the country without first communicating with the complainant. Not having heard anything from defendant for some time, the complainant naturally became alarmed and informed the Police with the result that a warrant was issued for defendant's arrest, particularly as the latter did not turn over to the complainant certain moneys which he had collected prior to his going away.

Defendant came back to Hong Kong of his own accord and reported to the complainant. At this interview the defendant was able to satisfy the complainant that he never had any intention of defrauding him, and accounted for all the money which had passed through his hands.

His Worship granted the defendant an honourable discharge without a stain on his character.

PRIEST MURDERED.

Peking, Yesterday.
A Russian Orthodox priest, named Melestin, over 60 years of age and for over thirty years in China, who has been in charge of the Orthodox shrine chapel on the main road from Peking to the Western Hills, near the Hunting Park twenty miles from Peking, was found yesterday lying in the open alongside the chapel, with the back of his head smashed in, and the whole place looted.—Reuter.

BANDITS' ACTIVITIES.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A message from Hankow states that a drive for the suppression of banditry in Hupeh, Hunan and Kiangsi was launched yesterday. Two aviation squadrons have been detailed to assist in the operations.—Reuter.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Customs at Hankow states that in September and October there were 107 instances of firing on merchantment on the Middle Yangtze, above Hankow.—Reuter.

BOXER AGREEMENT.

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Central Political Council yesterday ratified the Sino-British Boxer Indemnity agreement.—Reuter.
[This includes the big monetary grant to Hong Kong University, recently announced.]

MODERATE.

To-day's weather report, from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone is central near Tokyo, and is moderate along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; fair.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 95.19 inches against an average of 80.86.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	73
Macao	70
Pratas Island	76
Manila	76
Poochow	64
Amoy	65
Swatow	65
Chefoo	48
Shanghai	80

HEAVY CASUALTIES AMONG REBELS.

Kuominchun General Said to Be Captured.

FOOD CRISIS IN SZECHUEN

Hankow, Wednesday.
After having suffered heavy casualties in Honan, such of the Kuominchun as were able to withdraw to Shensi are known to be those under Sung Chih-yang and Liu Yu-fen. The former commander was reported to have been captured by the Nationalist at Choyi on November 4, while the latter was also made a prisoner, following the Nationalists' occupation of Pu-cheng; they have been escorted to Sian and Tung-chow respectively.

The Nationalist General Yang Fu-cheng has sent a wire to the Hankow Provisional Headquarters, requesting instructions for the disposal of the prisoners.

Loyalty Pledged.

The Mohammedan leaders in Kansu and Ninghsia, including General Ma Hsing-pen, Ma Lin, Ma Hi, Ma Hung, Ma Hsiang-lin, have pledged their loyalty to the Central Government, announcing their opposition to the withdrawal of the defeated Kuominchun to Kansu. They are taking further steps to drive the Kuominchun, left behind in Lanehow, out of the Kansu territory.

With the declaration of allegiance to the Central Government of the 1st Kansu Division under Lui Seng-tin, there is every possibility of the Kuominchun in Shensi and Kansu being totally exterminated. The Nationalists under Yang are undertaking the task of clearing the rebel remnants in Shensi, while the erstwhile Kuominchun General Sun Lien-chung, who recently surrendered to the Central Government, has been ordered to lead his forces into Kansu, in order to rally the scattered Kuominchun remnants.

Yen To Retire At Last?

Yen Hsi-shan is reported to have handed over the civil affairs to General Shang Chen and military affairs to Generals Hsu Yung-chang, and after releasing the circular telegram of his retirement, will return to his birth place, Wu-tai-shan, for a rest.

For the information of the Shansi delegates now in Mukden, the Central Government is said to have wired to the Manchurian authorities to the effect that the Central authorities will undertake the responsibility for the expenses of reorganising and disbanding the Shansi troops, conditional upon Yen Hsi-shan's going abroad.

More Troops To Shansi.

The "grey" General Sun Tien-yung is leading 16,000 troops from Waiching to the Shansi territory. Sun, himself has proceeded to Tai-yuan to interview Yen Hsi-shan, probably to arrange for a territory to station his troops in.

Chaotic State In Szechuen.
On account of the detention of the 10 newly purchased planes by General Liu Hsiang, chairman of Szechuen, at Chungking, General Teng Hsi-khou has retaliated by interrupting the transportation of rice and other food stuffs to Chungking, which port is now facing a food crisis. General Teng is planning to co-operate with other leaders in Szechuen to bring about the downfall of General Liu Hsiang, and once more the war cloud is gathering rapidly in Szechuen. According to a message from Nanking, the Central Government will instruct the Hankow Provisional Headquarters to assist General Li Hsiang in the pacification of the Szechuen situation.—Canton News Agency.

Earlier News.

Peking, Yesterday.
Reports continue to be most conflicting regarding the Chang Hsueh-liang and Chiang Kai-shek meeting. Most Chinese circles expect Chang Hsueh-liang to arrive from Mukden shortly, but the date is kept secret. He may inspect, en route, before arriving at Peking, the Twentieth Brigade, which is expected to come as his bodyguard.

It is now stated that he will reside at the Foreign Office building, Nanking, Yesterday.

It is learned that Chiang Kai-shek left for Nanking to-day from Peking by gunboat, and is expected to arrive by Saturday morning.—Reuter.

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KARMALA	9,128	22nd Nov.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	6th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
ALIPORE	5,273	9th Dec.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,144	20th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
LAHORE	5,304	27th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RANCHI	16,650	1931 3rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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JEYPORE	5,218	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	7,745	27th Nov.	Amoy, Moji & Kobe.
RANCHI	16,650	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
PERIM	7,648	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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HAKUSAN MARU.

DAMAGED IN COLLISION IN KOBÉ.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Hakusan Maru has been
badly damaged in a collision in
Kobe harbour, with the British
freighter Benmachui, neces-
sitating the removal of all the
passengers.

Bishop Trollope, the British
Bishop in Korea, who was aboard
the Hakusan Maru, has died of
shock owing to a weak heart.—
Reuter.

[The Rt. Rev. Mark Napier
Trollope, D.D., had been Bishop in
Korea since 1911. Born in Lon-
don in 1862, he was educated at
Lancing and at New College
(Oxford), and besides being a
literary scholar, rowed in the
College eight. He was ordained
a priest in 1888. He was Senior
Priest of the Mission to Korea
from 1890 to 1901, when he re-
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Kong for the North last Friday,
October 31, the passengers from
here being—Mr. and Mrs.
H. H. Priestley, Miss M.
Gubbay, Mr. C. G. Sousa, Mr. H.
Tauda, Mr. Fu Kum-wang, Mr. U.
Tajima, Mr. T. Saito, Mr. G.
Gersfield, Mr. K. Hirose, Mrs. D.
Rohm, Mr. Yue Ping-seung, Mr.
K. Shida, and Mr. Ng Tung-sang.
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ARRIVALS.

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ber 7.—
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Rickert, and infant, Mr. and Mrs.
L. N. Murphy, Miss M. Seaborn,
Miss A. Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. T. E.
Pearce, Mr. H. W. Welman, Mr. J.
Ipekdjian, Mr. Glen, Mr. J. F. V.
Fitzgerald.

RAPID CARGO DISCHARGE.

Record For London Docks.

What is believed by the Port of
London Authority to be a record
for cargo discharging has just
been established in the unloading
of the Union Castle chartered
steamer "Muriel," carrying
100,000 packages of oranges and
other citrus fruit from Cape Town.
The vessel was berthed at West
India Dock, and was completely
discharged in 28 working hours—
an average of over 3,500 cases per
hour. The peak time was on the
second day, when 37,000 packages
were discharged in eight hours.
There were on board 300 different
consignments, each having to be
kept separate for its particular
destination. The first load was at
Covent Garden Market within an
hour and a half of leaving the
ship's refrigerating chambers, and
other loads were railed to provin-
cial centres in equally good time.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The B.I. s.s. Takada left Singa-
pore for this port on November 4
p.m., and is due here on Novem-
ber 10, a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. Tanda left
Manila for this port on Novem-
ber 6 p.m. with the outward Aus-
tralian Mails, and is due here on
November 9 at about daylight.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of
Japan arrived at Honolulu on
November 4 (Tues.) at noon, left
Honolulu on November 5 (Wed.)
at 9 a.m., and is due at Yoko-
hama on November 13 (Thurs.).
She leaves Yokohama on Novem-
ber 13 (Thursday).

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of
Canada arrived at Yokohama on
November 5 (Wed.) at 6 p.m.,
left Yokohama on November 8
(Thurs.) at 4 p.m., and is due
at Vancouver on November 14
(Fri.). She leaves Vancouver on
November 27 (Thurs.).

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Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	NAMSANG	Sun., 7th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 15th Nov. at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 20th Nov. at Noon
Tsien via S'ow & Foochow	YUSANG	Fri., 14th Nov. at 7 a.m.
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tons, Capt. A. Markussen, from
Svato, buoy No. C14.—
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Capt. J. R. Gay Cumling, from
Svato, West Point Wharf.—
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Capt. D. D. Richards, from
Canton, buoy No. B36.—
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Capt. A. Wie, from Shanghai,
Stonecutters.—State S.S. Co.

King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons,
Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Can-
ton, buoy No. B12—B. & S.

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3,827 tons, Capt. T. Accazawa,
from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—
O.S.K.

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The following British warships
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Berwick—West wall.
Magnolia—North arm.
Sirdar—South wall.
Serapis—North wall.
Seraph—North wall.
Somme—South wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—East wall.
Thracian—North arm.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Helena—American gunboat.
Vigilante—French gunboat.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been
obtained by aid of the Tide-predict-
ing Machine, which includes 40 com-
pensations for the better prediction of
the times from the result of the analysis
of the tidal observations, taken at
the Kowloon tidal observatory under
the direction of Dr. Dobson during
the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

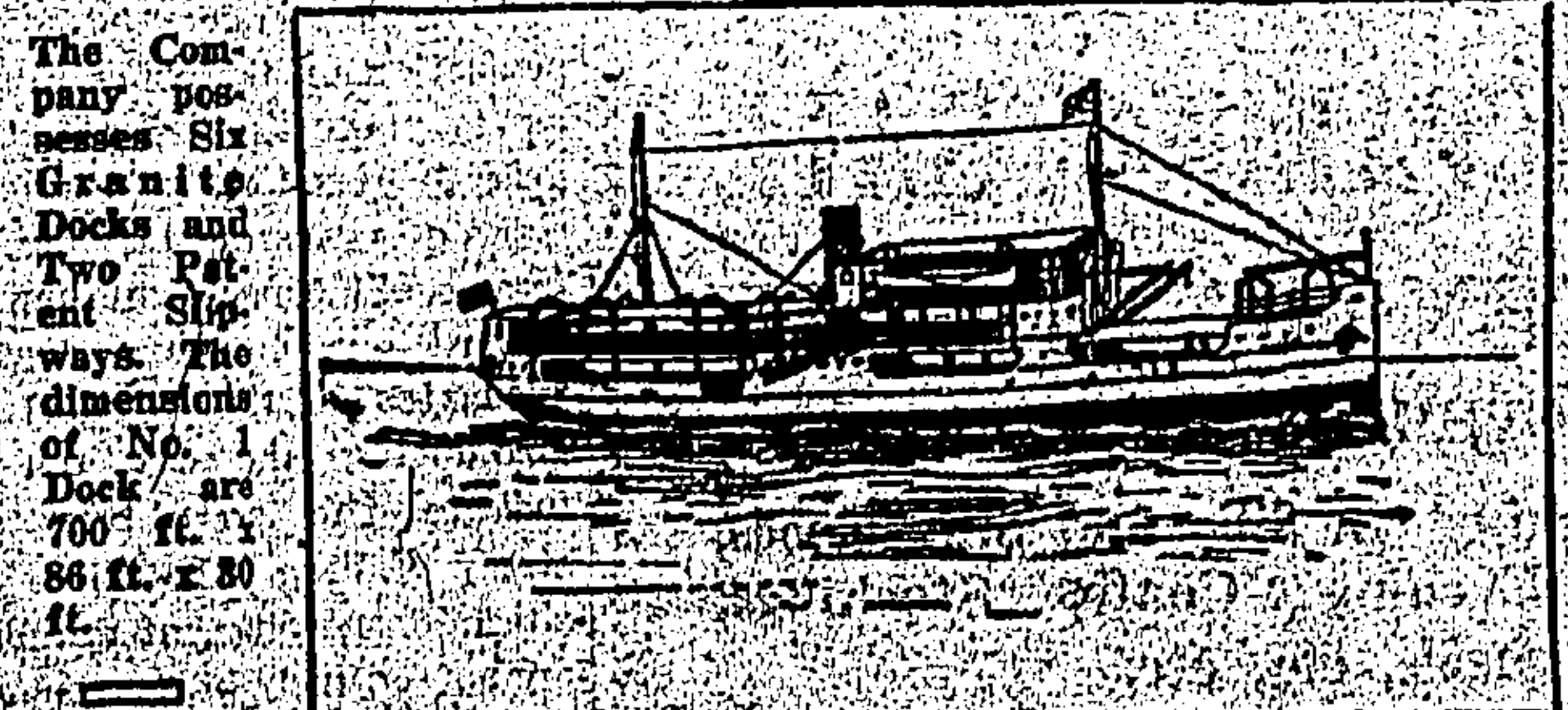
November 7 to 13, 1930.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Nov.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 7	10 10.0	5.7
Sat. 8	10 10.15	5.3
Sun. 9	10 10.3	4.9
Mon. 10	10 10.45	4.5
Tues. 11	10 10.6	4.1
Wed. 12	10 10.75	3.7
Thurs. 13	10 10.9	3.3

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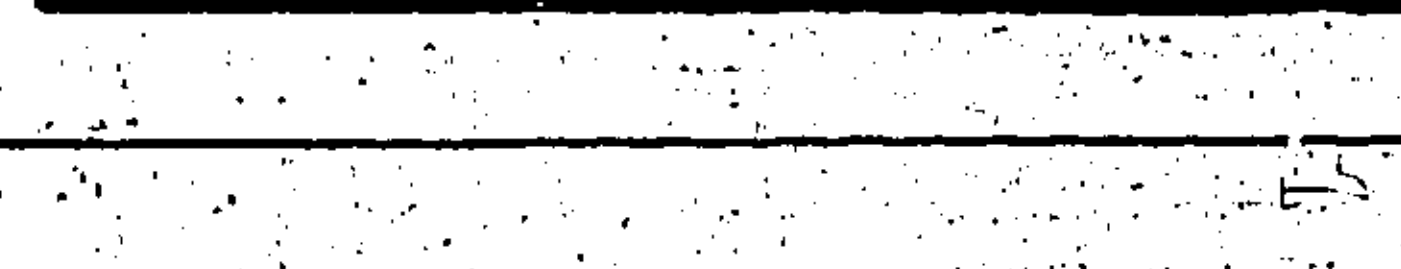
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GOLD PROBLEMS.

In view of the report in our columns yesterday that the gold delegation to the financial committee of the League of Nations is again sitting at Geneva for the purpose of dealing with the question of the fluctuations in the purchasing power of gold, it is interesting to refer to the first part of their conclusions, which is made available through the publication of an interim report. The delegation were requested to "examine into and report upon the causes of fluctuations in the purchasing power of gold and their effect on the economic life of the nations." At the moment only one aspect of the subject has been dealt with, namely, whether the current and prospective production of gold on the one hand, and the normal increase in demand as world production on the other are such as to make it likely that the general trend of prices over a series of years (apart from short-term oscillations) will be in an upward or downward direction. Estimates of the production of gold during the next ten years indicate the probability of a steady falling off after 1932, although the different authorities are not entirely in agreement as to the extent of the decline.

Currency requirements, largely determined by the volume of production and trade, and therefore, in the absence of changes in the existing monetary system, it is reasonable to assume that the demand for gold will be affected as a result of the decline in production of gold.

duction and trade in the past have been made by various authorities, and broadly speaking, the results indicate a normal increase of approximately three per cent. per annum. Professor Cassel, in an investigation covering the period 1850 to 1910, has shown that during those years an expansion in total gold stocks of somewhat under three per cent. per annum was required in order to maintain stable prices.

Owing to the impossibility of predicting with any degree of assurance what will be the future rate of growth in production and trade, or to what extent economies in the use of currency may reduce gold requirements below that rate, the delegation have framed their estimates of the monetary demand for the metal during the next ten years on the basis of annual increases of both two and three per cent. Moreover, it is pointed out that failing the discovery of new and unexpected sources of supply, the decline in the output of gold is likely to continue at an accelerated rate after 1940, as the South African mines, which account for over 50 per cent. of the present annual production, become gradually exhausted. The situation would obviously be easier if any substantial surplus stocks of gold existed of which advantage could be taken.

After a careful study of the position, the delegation reached the general conclusion that in the unlikely event of those countries which now hold reserves of less than thirty-three per cent. remaining content with the ratios existing at the end of 1928, there is a theoretical surplus of about \$1,000 millions, which approximately equals the amount of new gold likely to become available for monetary purposes during the next five years. In the circumstances, therefore, the question of the distribution of gold is of vital importance and, although the delegation have reserved this aspect of the problem for full discussion in a subsequent report, they stress the fact that, if the distribution of gold is the result of excessive or abnormal competition by a few countries, or if it has the effect of sterilising important amounts of monetary stocks, serious consequences will arise affecting the general level of prices.

The possibility undoubtedly exists of the general price level being affected as a result of the decline in production of gold, but it is not yet possible to say whether the effect will be a rise or a fall in prices.

outlook. The delegation, while pointing out the danger, emphatically record their opinion that if the need is recognised, remedial measures can be found which may be expected, at any rate, for the next decade, to correct the consequences they fear. They advocate a wider use of the gold exchange standard system, and consider that in cases of countries which have not yet stabilised their currencies or of those which are contemplating the desirability of modifying their currency laws, the adoption of this arrangement would certainly prove helpful. In connection it is suggested that if an international understanding could be reached, whereby the reserves which countries hold abroad for the maintenance of their currency were not subject to seizure or confiscation in time of war, confidence in the system would be greatly strengthened.

News in Brief.

One case of typhoid fever was notified yesterday.

Whilst working at the Kowloon Godowns yesterday a coolie named Cheng Ho (30) injured his thigh and had to be removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

There will be a lantern lecture held at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, November 18 at 5.30 p.m. when Mr. T. J. Price will speak on "Holiday in Indo-China". The Rev. W. T. Featherstone will be in the chair. Open to the public. Admission \$0.30; children \$0.20—Advt.

A serious accident, occurred at the Star Ferry wharf shortly after 8.30 last night when a ferry from the Kowloon side was tying up. Said to be engaged in carrying luggage, a Chinese, who was in a hurry to get to the wharf missed his footing and had his left foot crushed. When the motor ambulance arrived life was found to be already extinct.

EASMA CLUB.

END OF A USEFUL INSTITUTION.

FINANCIAL REASONS.

The annual general meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association was held yesterday when a recommendation by the General Committee of the Association to close down the Easma Club for financial reasons was adopted.

The meeting was presided over by Captain T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., who was supported by the following officials of the Association: Messrs. H. J. Pearce, M.C., E. S. Carter, R. J. Hunt, S. C. Feltham (Hon. Secretary), and S. Hampden Ross (Hon. Auditor).

The report of the past year's working of the Easma Club showed a loss of \$2,785.62.

Capt. Laurensen, in bringing the General Committee's recommendation to close down the Club before the meeting, said that the General Committee had considered the matter very carefully and they felt it their bounden duty to recommend the closing down of the Club, which was in the best interests of the Association.

Mr. Ross explained items in the balance-sheet and expressed the view that it was better to close down now rather than continue to run the Club at a loss.

Amendment Defeated. A member moved that the Club be allowed to continue for another three months. This was the outcome of a discussion during which it was felt that, rather than close down the Club altogether, the possibility of keeping the Club alive by acquiring smaller premises, increasing subscriptions, and reduction of expenses by other means should be considered.

The proposal was defeated. The proposal for the closing down of the Club was then carried by 13 to 4.

A further proposal was agreed to that the present officers remain in office for the purpose of closing down the Club at the end of the current month, and that by the end of the year the affairs in this connection be closed.

Although the Club is to be closed down it should be borne in mind that the Association will continue to function and carry on its activities as heretofore.

Armistice Day Dinner. It was decided at the meeting to hold a dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel on Armistice Day (November 11) under the auspices of the Association. All ex-active service men irrespective of whether they are members of the Association or not are eligible to attend. The charge for the dinner will be \$1.00.

SEVEN NEW BILLS.

FIRST READING IN THE COUNCIL.

PENSIONS AND PROBATES.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council, presided over by H.E. the Governor, yesterday, seven new Bills were read for the first time. The objects and reasons for five of these Bills, concerning respectively, Summary Offences, District Watch Forces, Theatrical Performances, Revision of Ordinances, and Company Law amendment have already appeared in these columns.

Two further Bills moved by the Attorney-General were in connection with Police Pensions and American Probates.

Police Pensions.

"An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900." This Ordinance amends a section of the Principal Ordinance dealing with police pensions. Under the Principal Ordinance the pension of every individual policeman has to come before the Governor-in-Council, even if the amount of his pension is merely a matter of calculation. The Ordinance is amended so that the Governor-in-Council shall have power to make rules affecting pensions, and only exceptional cases, where rules are inapplicable to an individual case, will be brought before the Governor-in-Council.

American Probates.

"An Ordinance to amend the Probates Ordinance, 1897." Under the Real and Personal Property Convention of Washington, 1899, provision was made for notification to the nearest American Consul whenever a citizen of the United States died, leaving no heirs or testamentary executors, and to carry out that convention an amendment to the Probates Ordinance was enacted whereby the Registrar should make that notification. It has now been agreed between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government that notification to the nearest American Consul shall be made in all cases, without regard to whether or not the deceased person has left heirs or testamentary representatives in the Colony, so a small amendment is made to section 14 of the Principal Ordinance.

KOWLOON TONG.

COUNCIL VOTE FOR \$105,000 APPROVED.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

After considerable discussion, a vote for \$105,000, being a Government contribution to the Kowloon Tong Scheme, was approved at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Bragg's Question. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, in the course of the discussion, asked if such an account as a Subscribers' Account had been presented by the Company to the Government. If so, could the Government lay on the table a statement of all such accounts submitted?

Mr. Bragg further enquired whether the sum of \$315,827.22 stated to be due to the Government at a Council meeting in July last year, had actually been received, or whether it had been set off against any other account owing by the Government to the Company? In other words, was a sum of over \$420,000 required for what he might term the Government's share of the losses arising out of the Kowloon Tong scheme?

"Complete Agreement."

The Chairman replied that the Committee who sat on the settlement question was available. Labour troubles had brought about various disputes between the parties to the scheme, but the Committee had brought about an agreement. The contractors to the scheme had reduced their demands to 80 per cent. The remaining excess over original estimated cost was to be equally shared between the Government and the promoters. The present arrangement would settle the whole matter, and the Government felt justified in asking for the vote.

Accounts in Order.

Replying to further questions by Mr. Bragg, the Chairman said that various sums due between the parties had all been paid. The Government had received the amount of \$315,000, with the exception of one small amount outstanding. Upon payment of the present \$105,000, and when subscribers had paid their proportion, there would be a rebate to such of them who did so. The arrangement was a final one to which subscribers were all agreed. Mr. Bragg: That is satisfactory. The vote was formally approved. Medical Department. Regarding a vote for \$2,000 for the Medical Department to meet expenses of courses of study and attendance at the Medical Congress, the Colonial Secretary informed the Hon. J. O'Connell Hughes that the studies were very much encouraged both by the Colonial Office and the local Government. Other votes were all approved.

TRAGEDY SEQUEL.

FUNERAL OF PETTY OFFICER J. F. ROURKE.

NAVAL HONOURS.

The funeral of Chief Petty Officer (Writer) John Francis Rourke, of H.M.S. Tamar, whose sudden death from heart failure whilst dancing at the Cathedral Hall was reported in yesterday's China Mail, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

Naval honours were accorded, the cortege starting for the cemetery from the Naval Hospital. The coffin, which was placed on a gun-carriage, was covered with the Union Jack and was drawn by a party of men from H.M.S. Berwick. This ship also supplied the band and the firing party. Many officers from the British warships in harbour attended the funeral, as well as the deceased's comrades from H.M.S. Tamar.

The burial service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Brien, Chaplain to the Forces, and after the coffin had been lowered into the grave the firing party fired three volleys and then a bugler sounded the "Last Post." There were many floral tributes.

"THE BANGLE GIRL."

CURIOUS SCHOOL PROBLEM TO PERPLEX SOMERSET.

The question whether a girl should be allowed to wear jewellery at school or not has provided the Somerset Education authorities with a problem of unusual difficulty. The problem with which the authorities are faced is to find a settlement for the deadlock which has arisen in the case of Violet Burton, a little girl living at West Coker, a West Somerset village, who, owing to the dispute in which she has figured, has become known as the "bangle girl."

Violet Burton is the principal figure in the most protracted school dispute which has ever occurred. When a little child she was sent to the village school at West Coker, wearing a small silver bangle, which the school requested should be removed. Her parents insisted on her wearing it, and went so far as to padlock it on her arm to prevent its removal. This has created a deadlock which has lasted almost continuously for nearly five years.

Though the summer vacation is over and children back at school, Violet Burton is not attending school because of the bangle dispute. Her father insists on her wearing it at school, while the school authorities and the teacher are equally determined that she shall not wear it, and refuse to have the child at school unless the ornament is removed.

Again the problem has been considered by the school managers and the teacher. No solution, however, is in sight, and the child continues to enjoy holiday indefinitely.

CLIMATES OF THE PAST.

Evidence Of Changes In Historical Times.

We are all accustomed to hear elderly persons complain or boast that the winters and summers of the present are very different from what they remember. Doubtless the explanation is that they remember vividly only extreme seasons, for there is no evidence of any marked difference in the climate of Western Europe within the last century. But Dr. C. P. E. Brooks, was able to lay evidence before the Section of Geography of the British Association, as to the occurrence of very marked periods during which the climate of large areas was different from present conditions. The evidence came from many sources, from actual records, and from inferences based on history, from the remains of aqueducts and dams, and the position of buildings and settlements.

For a period about the year 2200 B.C. Central Europe and Western Asia were extremely dry. About 800 B.C. there was a wet and stormy period. In the first century of the Christian Era the conditions resembled those of the present day.

There is a good deal of evidence for the supposition that from 500 A.D. to 800 A.D. there was a relatively dry period. From 1200 A.D. to 1400 A.D. the weather was wet and stormy, and from 1700 to 1750 A.D. there was again a dry period in Western Europe.

Other votes were all approved.

MEMORY EXPERT WHO FORGOT.

Overlooked His Own Birthday.

FRENCH WIZARD.

Paris, September 27. Because he forgot his own birthday, Jacques Inaudi, lightning calculator and memory man, is going to retire. For 50 years he has toured the world, adding up and subtracting and recalling dates and now he has forgotten to remember the biggest date in his own life.

"It was my wife who caught me out in this my only mistake in my career as a memory man," said Inaudi to interviewers. "I have baffled audiences in every quarter of the globe, but I was stumped when my wife gave me a knitted tie and I couldn't think what it was for until she told me."

In his career as a professional calculator, Inaudi has tied figures in knots, so to speak, finding in a flash the square root of awkward totals, dividing, subtracting, multiplying.

Memory Better Than Figures. "If you write down figures for me I find calculations more difficult," he says. "Tell them to me instead, I find that easier. My memory is an audible one, so to speak; not visual."

"But now I am tired of figures, so tired that I hate to count even the change that the taxi-drivers give me or the money that I get back when I do a little shopping. In future my wife is going to look after all the household accounts so that my brain shan't be tired. I



Stranger: "What a strange idea, barring yourself in like that."

Night Watchman: "You wouldn't think so if you walked in your sleep like I do."

Passing Show, London.

will occupy myself with the chickens in the yard and my two parrots, one of whom has developed a mania for calculating."

How He Does It.

Asked to explain the secrets of lightning calculation, Inaudi declared there was no secret. "It is all so very simple. You do not even require paper or pencil. You ask me a question. What? Multiply 645 by 927, that is easy. That makes 597,915."

"If I had to teach mental calculation to children, this is how I should begin with such a problem as you have posed, multiplication of 645 by 927. I begin by multiplying 600 by 900, which gives me 540,000; I next multiply 600 by 27, giving 16,200. Instead of multiplying the 45 by 900, I take 50 which I multiply by 900 and I have 45,000. I likewise take 50 which I multiply by 27. These 1,350 are added to the rest, giving 602,550. But, as I have multiplied 927 by 60 instead of 45, I therefore multiply 927 by 5, giving 4,635, which I subtract from 602,550."

"That gives 597,915. It has required five minutes to explain that which I can work out mentally in five seconds, even less."

Some of His Feats.

Inaudi is one of the rare persons, born with phenomenal powers, particularly when applied to calculation. He can tell you off-hand the exact number of potatoes he has planted in his garden at Champligny, near Paris, the number of carrots, turnips and cauliflowers. He can give the square root of 60 figures in a row in five seconds.

He has been round the world many times, adding up sums for theatre audiences. In his villa at Champligny he will try and forget all about figures, except when his parrot now and again puts a puzzler and ask for a quick answer.—United Press.

THE MILBANK LACE.

Miss Nevill, who married Mr. Mark Milbank on October 20, at the Guards' Chapel, wore the famous Milbank lace—the most beautiful Brussels—for her veil and train, which fell over a simple white satin gown. This lace was worn by the present Sir Frederick Milbank at a dinner at the Guards' Chapel on the evening of the wedding. The lace was made by the Milbank family, who have been lace makers for over 150 years.

COLDEST POLICEMEN IN THE WORLD.

Their Beat is in the Arctic Circle.

Twelve members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have left North Sydney, Nova Scotia, to work the world's coldest police beat.

They have gone to police the Eastern Arctic Archipelago, and they will spend two years in the Arctic before returning to civilisation.

The adventurous life of the Arctic policeman was described to a British United Press correspondent by one of the "Mounties" just before he left for his two-years of isolation.

When they reach the main supply post the twelve men will split into six parties and leave to patrol their respective "beats."

Each member of the force is supplied with a large snow knife, and on the trail, when making camp for the night, they seek a spot where there is good pack snow and from this cut out blocks to make an "igloo."

Their Menu.

These snow houses, when first made, require no other ventilation than that provided by the cracks in the walls, the doorway being closed up after the occupants get inside.

After a time the moisture from the breathing and the heat from the fire cause a coating of ice to form, and it becomes necessary for a hole to be made in the top.

The food usually taken on the trail is caribou meat, bacon, beans, coffee, tea and sugar. The men dress in fur suits similar to the Eskimos, and each party has an Eskimo guide and interpreter. These guides acquire a position of authority among their tribe and they are all anxious to work for the police.

Better Eskimos.

In the early days infanticide was practised by the Eskimos when the hunting was bad; but this has been largely stamped out through the efforts of the police, who stock emergency relief rations at strategic points to supply the Eskimos when times are bad.

One of the members of the present group of Mounted Police was present at the hanging of two Eskimos who murdered one of the policemen, and he stated that it had a very salutary effect on the natives.

On the whole, the Eskimos are orderly and have long realised that the White Man's law must prevail.

INDIAN OUTLOOK.

PROBLEMS FOR ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

STATUS AND CONSTITUTION.

London, Yesterday.

Lord Peel, former Secretary of State for India and a member of the forthcoming Round Table Conference, in a speech last night dealt with the difficulties the conference would have to face.

One of the difficulties of the existing situation was that there had been some confusion in the Indian political mind on the questions of status and constitution. Indian thought was anxious that there should be no question of inferiority; that India would be placed on complete equality with the great Dominions. Unfortunately, the constitutional programme had been considered to some extent not merely from the point of view of what, under present conditions, would be the best constitution for India, but whether the new constitution did or did not place India on equality with the Dominions.

The relations of the Hindu and Moslem communities, the protection of minorities, and the relation of the Princes and their status to a self governing India, all presented great problems for the conference. He did not think it would be the duty of the conference to frame a constitution, but to indicate clearly to the Government what were the general lines upon which India wished the constitution to be framed. Nor did he think that it would make decisions by vote. The conference was not representative in the sense that it had been elected by constituencies. It would be very difficult to weigh each vote given, and the number would not be a satisfactory test of real opinion.

Another great difficulty was that the existing Congress constitution was a compromise between the Hindu and Moslem communities, and it was not clear whether the conference would be able to reach a decision on the future constitution of India.

He concluded by saying that the conference was a very important one, and that it was to be hoped that it would reach a decision on the future constitution of India.

WOMEN'S PLACE IN WHITEHALL.

Out For Conquest in New Sphere.

EQUAL STATUS.

One woman has succeeded in winning a place at the examination for Class I, the Administrative Grade of the Civil Service. She is Miss Lorna C. Watson. Twelve women competed on level terms with 143 men. Twenty-two vacancies were offered. With the men outnumbering the women competitors by twelve to one, the result of the examination does not provide a fair test of the relative capacity of the sexes.

The women have done better than last year. Sixteen entered then, and they failed to win a single place. The examination is very stiff, and only candidates with an honourable degree at the University can hope to succeed.

One important interference from the small number of women candidates at the examination is that in the higher reaches of education women have not yet caught up with men. As many as fifty-five women competed at the recent examination for inspectors of taxes, which is of the University but not the Honour's standard, and 326 entered the competition for executive posts, which rank next to Class I in importance.

Unless women can put more candidates in the field for these governing, key positions, their dream of equal status in Whitehall will never be realized, however many their numbers in the lower ranks. Distinguished though the feat may be, merely to win one place out of twenty-two is not enough to level the lump. At one time it was thought that no woman could ever succeed in winning a place at the Class I examination, and their first success caused some consternation in Whitehall.

Women were allowed to compete for places in Class I of the Home Civil Service for the first time in 1925, when two women out of twenty-seven were successful. In 1926, 1927, and 1928 one woman was successful each year.

ROAD PAVING.

SUCCESS OF THE "GAISMAN" BLOCK.

The Second Ordinary General Meeting of the Universal Rubber Paving, Limited, was held in the Charterhouse Accountants' Hall, Manchester, in mail week.

Mr. W. M. Kirkpatrick (the chairman of the company) presided, and in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said:—With reference to the accounts and the report of the directors, which are before you, you will notice that your company has made on the departments, other than the rubber paving section a small profit, which, however, is more than wiped off by the loss incurred in the rubber-paving section. Although we are satisfied that we have made very material progress on the question of rubber paving, we have not yet emerged from the very costly period of introduction and propaganda, and we have not reached the stage of regular commercial production.

The New Bridge Street Test. While the figures for the paving section are unsatisfactory, the particulars which I shall be able to give you will show you that we are far from standing still. You will remember that we laid our blocks in New Bridge Street, in the City of London, in October, 1926, and I need not dwell again on the enormous traffic in that thoroughfare. The agreement we entered into with the City of London for the maintenance of New Bridge Street expires next month, and at the suggestion of the City Corporation this agreement has been renewed for a further period of two years. It would be idle of me to say that the surface of New Bridge Street does not show any sign of wear, and that due largely to the fact that in this first demonstration we laid blocks manufactured in various ways to gain as much experience as possible; but after four years of probably as intense and varied traffic as could be found anywhere in the whole world every one, expert or layman, can ascertain for himself that its condition is a credit to your company. This fact is all the more gratifying in that this was our very first experiment in a public highway. I believe I am right in saying that no paving material of any description has ever been laid in a public highway in this country, and that the fact that we have now laid our first demonstration blocks in New Bridge Street, and that they have stood the test of four years of traffic, is a very important fact.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions. To-day—Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel dinner dance. To-morrow—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel.

Dec. 12—Hong Kong Automobile Association third annual dinner dance.

Entertainments. Theatre. To-day—Queen's Theatre. "The Bishop Murder Case."

To-day—Central Theatre. "Redskin."

To-day—World Theatre. "Heroes of the Wild"; also "Sioux Blood."

To-day—Star Theatre. "The Madonn of Avenue A."

To-day—Majestic Theatre. "The Sophomore."

November 15—Theatre Royal. Opening performance of the H.K. A.D.C. play "The Middle Watch," 9.15 p.m.

Sports. See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Home Mails. To-day—Inward from America and ports and Europe via Siberia (President Pierce).

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Amur Maru); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Macedonia), 10.30 a.m.

Meeting. November 14—Meeting of the Licensing Board, Council Chamber, noon.

Miscellaneous. To-day—Exhibition of Pearls and Pictures, Messrs. Komor, and Komor's.

To-day—Lantern Lecture by Mr. T. J. Price, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 9 p.m.

To-morrow—Italian Convent Bazaar, formal opening, 10 a.m.

To-morrow—Kowloon Union Church Sale of work, K.C.C. ground, 3 p.m.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER CLAIM.

A Production from Crude Petroleum.

Washington, Sept. 20.

Rubber may soon be produced from crude petroleum, according to Dr. Burgess, director of the United States Bureau of Standards, Washington, who has described experiments made by scientists of the Bureau to members of the Inter American Conference on Agriculture, Forestry and Animal Industry.

Dr. Burgess added that the Bureau had examined samples of solid rubber claimed to have been produced in California from crude petroleum, but Government scientists were not yet prepared to pass judgment upon it.

tribute a fixed sum towards the cost of repaving that street with our blocks. This is a very encouraging development, showing as it does that the institutions in that important street recognize the advantages to be derived from our rubber paving. We shall bring the matter up to the City Authorities when it is decided by them to repave Lombard Street. We have also laid in December, 1929, some 300 square yards of our paving in the entrance drive and courtyard of modern flats in Portman Square, London.

Cost of Production. Great efforts have been made by us and the French company to reduce the cost of production of our block, and the results are very promising. It is hoped that this fact, coupled with other factors such as the present conditions of the rubber market, may make it possible to make substantial progress in the near future. I claim that we have actually progressed in the sense that every day some new authority or road expert is being educated and indeed being converted to the practicability of the "Gaisman" rubber road block, in which we have a practical and proved article, the demand for which must in due course arise as certainly as it has done in the case of wood blocks, and even asphalt, or other road surfacing materials, which all experienced delays and difficulties during the period of their introduction.

We believe our task is ultimately going to be easier. Many important interests, the Press and generally speaking, road engineers and transport and other technical circles are all showing sympathetic interest in our activities. Furthermore we find authorities and experts in many cases, ready to assist in our activities. Furthermore we find authorities and experts in many cases, ready to assist in our activities.

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GERMANY'S DEBTS.

AMERICAN BANKER TO VISIT EUROPE.

New York, Yesterday.

In view of the recent visit of Dr. Schacht, ex-President of the Reichstag, who stated that Germany must cease her reparation payments unless other countries helped her to extend her foreign trade, particular interest attaches to the departure of Mr. Harrison, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, to Europe to-day, to confer with the heads of the Bank of England, Bank of France, and Reichsbank.

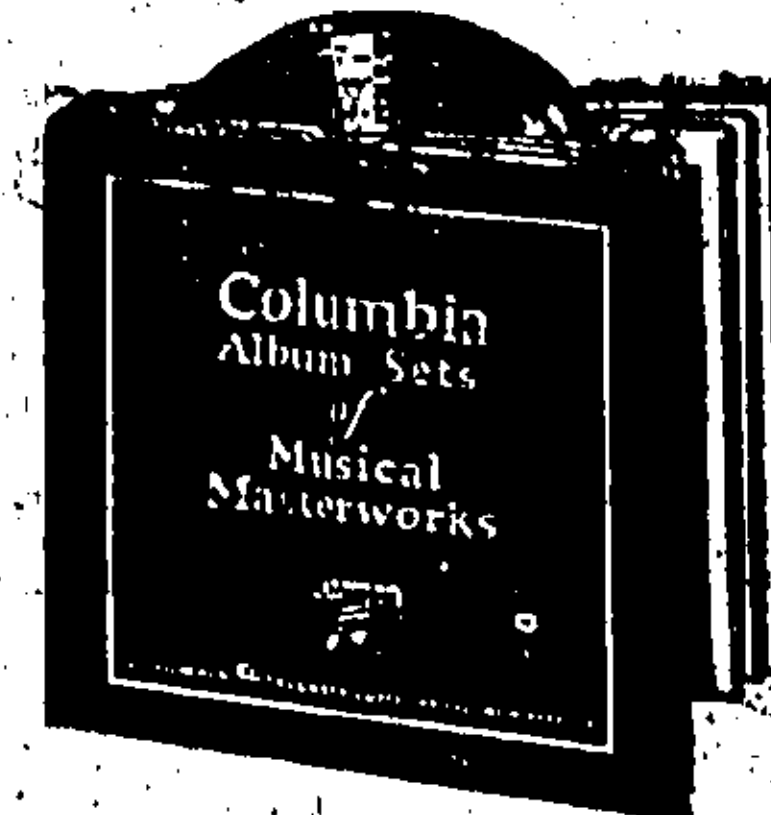
On the conclusion of Dr. Schacht's visits to Mr. Hoover, Mr. Mellon and Mr. Stimson, a report was circulated suggesting that the conversations related to the possibility of Germany declaring a moratorium regarding reparations, but this report was officially denied.—Reuter's American Service.

NORTH BORNEO TRADING.

The report of North Borneo Trading Co. for 1929 states that net receipt from shareholding in Tuaran Rubber Estates was \$1,185 (against \$2,908). With regard to remaining rubber interest, directors have decided to write down value as affairs of the company concerned have been placed for present in hands of a receiver appointed by its debenture holders.

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CHRISTMAS PARCELS MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

The Christmas Parcel Mail for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office at 5 p.m. to-day per s.s. Macedonia. This mail is due in London on December 12.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle)	Oct. 18 and Europe via Siberia (London)
Calcutta and Straits	President Pierce
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	(London, Oct. 20)
Shanghai and Swatow	Amur Maru
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9.	
Sourabaya	Cape St. Andrew
Manila	Empress of Russia
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak
Australia and Manila	Tanda
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10.	
Manila	President Madison
Calcutta and Straits	Takada
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 18)	Asama Maru
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.	
Straits	Haruna Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.	
Japan	Bokuyo Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 17)	Pres. van Buren

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.	
Samshui & Wuchow	Chong On 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia (Due Marseilles, Dec. 5.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels Nov. 7, 430 p.m.	Parcels Nov. 7, 5 p.m.
Registration Nov. 8, 9 a.m.	Registration Nov. 8, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Nov. 10 a.m.	Letters Nov. 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.	
Japan and Canada via Victoria, B.C.	Tyndareus 10 a.m. (Due Victoria, B.C., Dec. 2.)
Manila	President Pierce 430 p.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwei Yang 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10.	
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Madison (Due Victoria, B.C., Nov. 28.)
Parcels Nov. 10, 8 p.m.	Parcels Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
Registration Nov. 10, 8 p.m.	Registration Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
Letters Nov. 10, 8 p.m.	Letters Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.	
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Nan Chang 9 a.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjibadak 9 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Chenonceaux (Due Marseilles, Dec. 12.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration Nov. 11, 10 a.m.	Registration Nov. 11, 11.15 a.m.
Letters Nov. 11, 10 a.m.	Letters Nov. 11, 11.15 a.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Perseus (Due Marseilles, Dec. 11.)
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Russia (Due Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 29 and Europe via Siberia.)
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Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.	
Amoy	Tsuan 8.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.	
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Bahking 1 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.	
Sandakan	Hin Sang 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang
Parcels Nov. 15, Noon	Parcels Nov. 15, Noon
Letters Nov. 15, 1 p.m.	Letters Nov. 15, 1 p.m.

* Subscribed correspondence only.

HISTORIC BOX OF TOYS FOUND.

Tiny Soldiers Made for Napoleon's Son.

Paris, Sept. 28.
A box of toys, the playthings of the tiny son of Napoleon, the unfortunate little "King of Rome," have been brought to light after being hidden for years in a dusty government closet, and the French Government has put the toys on exhibition in the castle at Malmaison to which Josephine retired after her divorce.
The toys show how Napoleon hoped to influence the mind of his son towards military matters. Little cannons in silver and gold, hauled by ivory horses. Cavalrymen in brilliant red, Grenadiers with plumed bonnets.
But history insists that the youth did not like to play with toy soldiers. He found much more pleasure in drawing and painting, and showed marked talent. That may account for the boxing of the toy soldiers which have been hidden in their box for more than a century.

Saluted as a King.

When the son was born to Napoleon at the Tuilleries palace in Paris, March 20, 1811, he was saluted as King of Rome, heir apparent to the vast Empire which Napoleon dreamed of conquering and leaving behind him. When the boy died, at 21, in Schoenbrunn, Austria, he was a simple Austrian prince, Duke de Reichstadt.

But the boy never showed the military genius of his father. Artists say that he might have become a great artist as his father was a soldier. Some of his paintings have been gathered by the republican government and are now shown beside the unused toys.

WEST AFRICA.

STILL THE "WHITE MAN'S GRAVE."

Those who contemplate service on the West Coast of Africa are advised to peruse the annual report of "The Health and Mortality of the Coast" for the past year, which has been issued by the Crown Agents of the Colonies.

The percentage of mortality and sickness has jumped up to a much higher average than in the former years, while the number who have left the coast as being no longer fit for service averages about 10 per cent. White men stay on the coast for an average of 7 years and 4 months, taking the whole of the population. "The white man's grave" is still that old place which some would have us believe is a "health resort." Ships whose business takes them to the coast should be provided with accommodation suitable for the climate, and also with fans and mosquito nets in living spaces. Regulations to protect "whites" should be a matter of international importance.

Unprotected Ships.
Apropos the "coast" there are several cases on record during late years where whole crews have been down with fever. One ship was picked up at sea with all hands ill. She had to be taken into Dakar; another, in a similar plight was taken into Las Palmas, while a third vessel arrived in Liverpool in such a deplorable condition that the majority of her crew, including the master, were taken to hospital. Ships not fitted specially for the trade, and "tramps" in particular, are totally unsuitable. Laws are provided to promote health in factories, but why men employed on shipboard are ignored from "Safety-guards Health Act" is nothing but a scandal for which many Governments have been responsible. We boast about our actions in promoting the safety of life at sea, but what about protecting the lives of men who go to the West Coast in coffin-making ships? The men of the Merchant Service have repeatedly asked this question.

WHY SHELLS FELL SHORT.

A War Secret Disclosed.

The reason why certain shells of American manufacture fell short during the War was disclosed by Sir Ernest Moir, who was one of the Council of the Ministry of Munitions during the War.
The shells, said Sir Ernest, had been very accurate up to a point. The timing had been regular and the percentage of error small. Suddenly, however, the guns told another story, and the timing and the bursting of the shrapnel was extremely short.

He visited the factory in America, and for a time was unable to account for the change. Then it occurred to him that there might have been some change in the manner of handling the powder, and consequently a change in the voids between the particles of powder.
He asked the head of the firm if he had introduced any changes, and he replied: "Yes. We have been making an addition to our factory and have had to bring the powder in motor lorries over temporary roads instead of by railway wagon."

That, said Sir Ernest, was the explanation. The powder had been shaken more in the lorries than it had when brought up by rail. The voids between the particles were less and the quantity of air less, and the rate of burning consequently was affected.

The rough method of transport, said Sir Ernest, was abandoned, and accurate timing was restored.

1934 Meetings in Aberdeen.
The Committee of the British Association received a deputation from Aberdeen, and accepted an invitation for the Association to meet there in 1934, the earliest year available. Next year's meetings are to be in London, those of 1932 in York, and those for 1933 at Leicester.

The following were elected members of the Council for the ensuing year: Professor H. Clay, Professor W. T. Gordon, Dr. C. W. Kinnison, Dr. H. T. Tizard, and Sir Chalmers Mitchell.

HOTEL GUESTS

LIST OF RESIDENTS AT REPULSE BAY.

November 7, 1930.

Mr. A. S. Abbott, Dr. Alhgrimm, Dr. M. E. Asger,
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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phillips, child and governess.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/3 1/4
Bank, on demand	1/3 3/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3 15/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4 1/16
On Paris—	
On demand	800
Credits, 4 months' sight	840
On New York—	
On demand	31 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	32 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	87
On demand	87
On Calcutta—	
Wire	87
On demand	87
On Singapore—	
On demand	55 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	63 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 80 1/2
Dollar	9%
On Yokohama—	
On demand	63 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/4
Silver (per oz.)	16 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Par.
Copper Cash	Nominal.
Copper Cents	8% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday	
Paris	123.675
New York	4.85 25/32
Brussels	34.835
Geneva	25.08
Amsterdam	12.06 1/2
Milan	12.805
Berlin	20.585
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.475
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	43.00
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	875
Bucharest	818
Rio	5
Buenos Aires	88 1/2
Montevideo	89 1/2
Bombay	1/6 25/32
Shanghai	1/7 1/2
Hong Kong	1/3 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 17/32
Silver Spot	16 1/4
Silver forward	16 11/16
—British Wireless Service.	

LOAN OF PAINTINGS.

MAY BE SENT ABROAD UNDER PRECAUTIONS.

SPECIAL BILL.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons to-day that one clause in the Bill would be introduced shortly empowering the trustees of the National Gallery at their discretion to lend paintings and drawings abroad under proper safeguards—British Wireless Service.

Messrs. C. M. Roberts, D. O. Russell, Mrs. M. S. Rose.
Messrs. P. Smart, W. Vander Steen, A. F. Simmie, R. Stock, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schaback, Comdr. and Mrs. R. Shelley, Miss N. J. Spence, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stone.
Mrs. and Miss Tarrant, Lady H. M. Tohill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully.
Miss L. M. Vaughan.
Mr. C. Wallace, Mrs. H. V. Whelan and three children, Capt. and Mrs. E. K. Boddam Whetham, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wickett, Miss J. B. Winniffrith, Mrs. L. J. Wooley and two children.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 7th Nov., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Value	Notes	Price	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1070				Dec.	Interim 25 cts a/c 1929 (25 cts a/c 1929) Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank					Dec.	Interim 7 1/2 cts a/c 1929 (7 1/2 cts a/c 1929) Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.					Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 cts a/c 1929 (2 1/2 cts a/c 1929) Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia					Dec.	8 cts for 1929 Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1055				Dec.	Final 27 cts for 1929 (Interim 25 cts a/c 1929) May 15, 30
Union Ins.	472	475			Dec.	Final 12 1/2 cts for 1929 (Interim 12 1/2 cts a/c 1929) May 30, 30
China Underwriters	280				Dec.	Final 20 cts for 1929 (Interim 20 cts a/c 1929) May 30, 30
China Fire Ins.	400				Dec.	Final 20 cts for 1929 (Interim 20 cts a/c 1929) May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.				1100	Dec.	80 cts for 1929 Mar. 28, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases		27 1/2			Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 (10 cts ex. 2 1/2 cts on preferred) Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamboat	29 1/2				Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 (10 cts ex. 2 1/2 cts on preferred) June 15, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)				40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 (10 cts ex. 2 1/2 cts on preferred) July 5, 30
Indo-China (Def.)				50	Dec.	Final 20 cts for 1929 (Interim 20 cts a/c 1929) July 5, 30
Shell Transport				89 1/2	Dec.	8 1/2 cts for 1929 Mar. 10, 30
Union Waterboat	88 1/2				Dec.	
Mining.						
Benguet				870	Dec.	Interim 15 cts for 1929 (making 60 cts a/c 1929) Sept. 30, 30
Kailash Mining Ad. Co.				35/0	June	Interim 15 cts for 1929 (Interim 15 cts a/c 1929) June — 30
Lingkat				8 1/2	Oct.	T. 2.50 for year 21-22-23 May 5, 30
Shai Exploration					Dec.	None
"Loans"					Dec.	Interim T. 0.25 a/c 1929 (Interim T. 0.25 a/c 1929) July 1, 30
"Rau"					Mar.	Final 15 cts for 1929 (15 cts for 21-22-23) Sep. 28, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	168 1/2	168			Dec.	80 cts for 1929 Mar. 15, 30
H. K. & S. Wharves				32	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
"China Provident (old)"	5 1/2				Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
"China Provident (new)"	2 1/2				Dec.	Interim T. 2 a/c 1929 Sep. 19, 30
Hongkong	385				Dec.	T. 2.50 for year 21-22-23 Feb. 25, 30
N. Engineering				7 3/8	Apr.	T. 7 for year 20-21-22 July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	120					
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
"H. K. & S. Hotels"	11 1/2	11 1/2			Dec.	80 cts for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old)	8 1/2	8 1/2			Dec.	Interim 25 cts a/c 1929 Aug. 6, 30
"Rights"	19 1/2				Dec.	Interim T. 2 a/c 1929 July 31, 30
Shanghai Lands				315	Dec.	80 cts for 1929 May 7, 30
Humphreys				18	Dec.	Interim 80 cts a/c 1929 Sep. 4, 30
H. K. Realities				37	Feb.	80 cts for year 21-22-23 July 31, 30
Chinese Estates						
Cotton Mills.						
"Ewo Cotton"				12 1/2	Dec.	Final T. 2 a/c 1929 Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton				82	Dec.	(T. 2.25 old) for half year (T. 2.25 new) 20-21-22 May 28, 30
Zoong Sing				9 1/2	June	T. 2.50 for year 20-21-22 Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
"H. K. Tramways"	18 1/2	18 1/2			Dec.	Interim 40 cts a/c 1929 Aug. 27, 30
Peak Tram (old)	14				Apr.	(25 cts on old) for year (25 cts on new) 20-21-22 June 10, 30
Star Ferry				89 1/2	Dec.	80 cts for 1929 May 14, 30
"China Light (old)"	26 1/2				Sept.	Interim 35 cts a/c 1929 May 13, 30
"China Light (new)"	26 1/2				Dec.	80 cts for 1929 Mar. 13, 30
H. K. Electric	61 1/2				Dec.	Interim 10 cts a/c 1929 Aug. 1, 30
Macao				33	Dec.	2.00 for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
Sandakan Light	11 1/2				Dec.	Interim 10 cts a/c 1929 Feb. 6, 30
H.K. Tel. fully paid	32 1/2				Dec.	Interim 10 cts a/c 1929
"part paid"	32 1/2				Dec.	(10 cts on preference shares) Subject to Income tax.
China Bus				19 1/2	Sept.	
S'pore Tractors (old)	7 1/2				Sept.	
"(new)"	19 1/2					
Industrial.						
China Sugars	70 cts				Dec.	In Liquidation.
Malayan Sugars				27	Dec.	Pr. 8 for 1929 Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Mfg. Ord.				10 1/2	Dec.	(T. 2.50 old) 7 months 1929 Apr. 30, 30
Canton Ice				2 1/2	July	None
"Cement (new)"	18 1/2			18 1/2	Dec.	(80 cts on old) for 1929 (80 cts on new) Mar. 19, 30
"(old)"	18 1/2				Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Ropes	11 1/2				Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
United Alabaster				5		
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms C/R	26 1/2				Dec.	80 cts for 1929 Mar. 14, 30
"X/R"	32				Dec.	</

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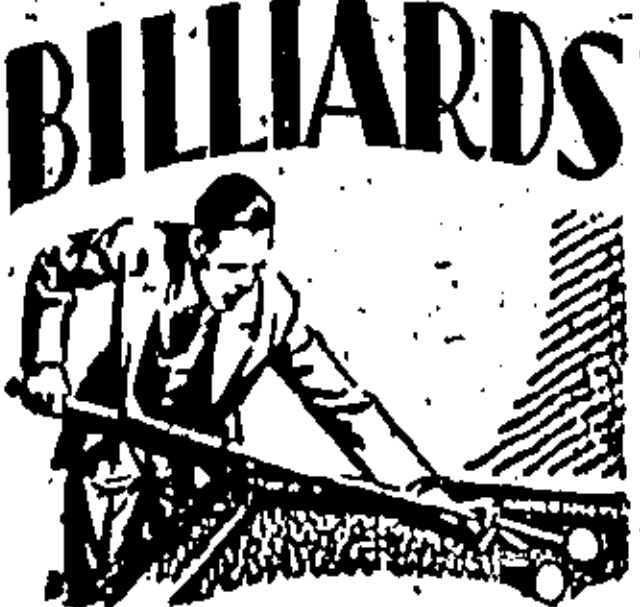
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LABOUR SHORTAGE
IN RUSSIA.

Miners Who "Live Like
Pigs."

CRUCIAL PROBLEM.

Moscow, Sept. 9.

At a time when unemployment

presents the dominant economic

problem of so many countries the

Soviet Union finds itself obliged to

cope with a difficulty of a precisely

opposite character: shortage of

labour, accentuated by a high

labour turnover. The change

which has come over Russia in this

respect during the last year has

been very striking. Up to the sum-

mer of 1929 the number of regis-

tered unemployed in the Soviet

Union for several years had never

fallen below a million, and at times

had exceeded a million and a half.

Unemployment was not widespread

among skilled industrial workers,

but was fairly severe among

clerical employees, and was con-

stantly fed from the throngs of

peasants who moved into the cities

and from adolescents who were

coming on the labour market for

the first time.

A marked diminution of unem-

ployment was noticed during the

winter, and lately a definite short-

age of labour in the coal mines of

the Donetz Basin and in some of

the large new plants which are

under construction has caused

serious injury to production and

is engaging the close attention of

the Soviet economic authorities.

Two causes are mainly responsible

for this at least temporary elimi-

nation of unemployment (of course,

there is still a probably irreducible

minimum of unemployable, and

members of the disfranchised

classes find it difficult to obtain

employment, not for economic, but

for political reasons) as a serious

factor in Russian economic life.

One is the intensely rapid pace of

industrial development; the other

is the collectivisation of agricul-

ture.

The Defection at Donetz.

The construction of a great

number of new factories, "electric

power plants, railroads, etc., ob-

viously swallows up a vast amount

of labour. Collectivization has thus

far tended to keep on the farms

a number of the poorer peasants

who formerly went into the towns

for work during part of the year.

Moreover, the initiation of tens of

thousands of collective farms has

created a demand for the services

of large numbers of bookkeepers

and other clerical assistants.

The first ominous indication of

what havoc a shortage of labour,

combined with high labour turn-

over, might play with carefully

prepared production plans appear-

ed in the Donetz Basin. Russia's

basic coal region, during the sum-

mer months, when fifty thousand

miners abandoned their work, most

of them returning to their native

Ukrainian villages, where the

harvest was especially good. The

Donetz mines have always employ-

ed a good deal of seasonal labour,

but such a sweeping withdrawal

broke all previous records, and

largely as a result of this, the

mines are two and a half million

tons behind their year's production

programme: a serious falling when

every ton of fuel is precious.

A sidelight on the departure of

the miners is furnished by the

blunt correspondent of the Moscow

"Rabochaya Gazeta," who writes

from Butovka, a mining town:

The withdrawal takes place

mainly because the workers are

tired of living like pigs. In the

barracks there is no glass, there

are no pillows, there is filth; in

Butovka there is not even a bath

where they could wash off the

coal dust.

The "Coal Front"

The Donetz Basin is not alone

in the instability of its labour

force. Lately there have been

sharp complaints from the Turkish

Railroad and from the huge steel

plant under construction at Magni-

togorsk in the Urals, while in the

big Leningrad factory, "Red

Putilov," the labour turnover was

forty per cent. in recent months.

Differing wages and what is much

more important, differing condi-

tions of supply with food and

clothing, combined with the cer-

tainty of always finding a new job,

cause many Russian workers to

change their places of employment

constantly and frequently.

Stranous measures are being

taken to combat this shifting

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"INNOCENTS OF PARIS."

Every one will be humming "Louise" when we have Maurice Chevalier in this play shortly at the Central. He only looked on it as a "try-out," so I ask you not to expect too much from the slight story. He sings two songs in his native language, and we see the familiar Maurice of the Paris music halls who likes to act the "Gamin." He was pleased with his second venture, which, by-the-by, has been packing the Majestic, as it did on its two previous visits at the Central. We hope to see him with Claudette Colbert in "The Big Pond" soon, and then his latest release, "The Playboy of Paris." The Talkies have certainly sent up his salary. When he made his first appearance in London he received £400 a week; now he starts a season of two weeks at the new Dominion Theatre for £8,000 PLUS percentage, and the management think him worthy of it. He is the greatest drawing card on the stage today—I saw him at the Automobile Exhibition in San Francisco and he held that vast audience for over an hour.

Maurice has more than that fascinating smile; he has rare gifts. He was a very sick man, too, at that time, the effects of shrapnel wounds in the Great War. If I remember rightly his salary for that week was \$12,000. He makes four figures a year out of the sale of his records, and in addition he draws the pay envelope at the Paramount Studio of at least \$12,000 per week. After London he returns to Paris for a short visit, to RE-LEARN HOW to speak French, as he expresses it. You see we must have the Chevalier plus delightful broken accent, and he has been so long in America that he fears he may become too Americanised.

"THE BISHOP MURDER CASE."

(Queen's).

Those of us who saw "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" have delightful memories of the Briton, Basil Rathbone, a star from the Broadway stage. We will see him in the part of Philo Vance in this murder mystery play, a part with which we associate the name of the perfect actor, William Powell. I do not think him as good as Powell, but the story is quite absorbing. You will like him better in "The Lady of Scandal" with Ruth Chatterton (borrowed by M-G-M from Paramount), in the Talkie version of Frederick Lonsdale's "The High Road."

Like so many Britons who have a yearning for the stage, Rathbone had to run away from home, as his parents resented his taste. He joined a Shakespearean Company, the most wonderful training of all for an actor. He first went to America with Doris Keane, then after his success in "The Swan" and other successes, he found himself a matinee idol. He married, as his second wife, the brilliant Australian, Ouida Bergere, who manages his career, and helps him entertain in royal fashion at their lovely home in Beverly Hills. In this play with Miss Chatterton will be seen her husband, Ralph Forbes, whose mother is married now to Charles Quartermaine, brother of Leon, and remembered out here in Shakespeare and comedy dramas.

The title may stop a few people from seeing a really good drama. Do not be afraid; there is nothing scandalous about the play. It is merely one of those swanky studies of British life, and Miss Chatterton plays the part of the self-sacrificing actress in her usual dignified manner.

"THE WEDDING MARCH"

(Majestic).

Erich von Stroheim and lovely Fay Wray, the little Canadian girl who has made such strides since this, her first picture. I like her best with Gary Cooper; they make an ideal couple. "The Wedding March" is not a Talkie, but the sound effects are attractive. Story sad, true to life; at least the life in Wien before the war, when the martial spirit ruled. Stroheim knows this life; he likes to show it in the crudest and blindest manner. We will suffer with little Fay; we will hate him, whether you will enjoy it as I did depends on yourself. I like a good cry in the theatre.

Stroheim is a much-to-be-pitied man. Undoubtedly a genius, but he cares nothing for time nor money, and merely plays with the film magnates' millions, but the result is so expensive, so he is often out of a job, and now he is setting and being directed by men who cannot hold a candle to him. He also seems to be a very vain man, and that goes hard for anyone in Hollywood who refuses to bow to the "powers that be." He is a demon for detail, so we all know that what he produces is authentic to a degree.

"VAGABOND KING."

(Central).

Dennis King and Jeanette MacDonald in that wonderful play by Justin Huntley McCarthy, "If I Were King," (shades of Sir George Alexander). You will like King's acting and singing, especially that grand martial song to which we have danced for many moons, "Song of the Vagabonds." King is an idol on Broadway, and has recently scored an enormous success in "The Three Musketeers" at Drury Lane. Went all through the Great War. He is known as the "callboy, because a star," because he went in that humble capacity to America. Is happily married; has two children. Off stage he is exceedingly fond of—Dennis King. They found him temperamental and hard to manage at the Studio. The acting honours are carried off by the Briton, O. P. Heggie, as the King. Lillian Roth, who was so admired in her work with Lupino Lane, turns dramatic and is excellent. Prepare for a disappointment in the fair Jeanette. She sings that lovely number, "Only a Rose," beautifully and looks well in colour, but when it comes to drama, she is found wanting, and King thinks she lets him down badly in the last dramatic scene. Ludwig Berger does well in the direction; magnificent colour work; gorgeous film music; and a dashing story. Yes, I liked the show!

"RED-SKIN."

(Central).

"The Cuckoos" has proved such a strong attraction that the Management has wisely held over their next production till every one has seen it, at least twice. For its style it was quite good, and there were some good numbers. I liked Dix in "Red-skin" immensely, and would advise you to see it. Not a Talkie, but don't you think that a relief sometimes?

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

That miniature golf is becoming a real nuisance, as there seems to be no time limit for shutting up the course, even up to four o'clock in the morning. Pity the poor neighbours who live near. Some of the stars have invested their money in the new craze, even Mary Pickford herself succumbing. Just a few more millions to her already over-filled coffers.

AIMEE SEMPLE McPHERSON.

The greatest show-woman in America, Aimee Semple McPherson, who was the first to instal the radio in her Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, is about to enter the Talkies, and has been signed by Universal to enact the story of her life—AND WHAT a life! I do not know whether our own Hong Kong will figure in the story. Her first husband died here, and her daughter Roberta was born "Under the British Flag," as she tactfully remarked to me. I had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful woman; there is NO denying her powers. Whether she uses them in the right direction is a matter for argument. She is certainly the hardest worker I have ever met. Made quite a fuss over me because I mentioned living in Hong Kong. She easily "runs" the best show in Los Angeles. It's a religious show to be sure, but aside from its evangelical aspects, it is grand entertainment. You should see that vast audience every night in the week pack, that enormous building (her dream come true, as she calls it, she collected every bit of the money that built it). The crowd is on tenterhooks till the dramatic entrance of the fair Aimee with son and daughter, and sometimes "Ma," always the gigantic bunch of real orchids or lily of the valley on the shoulder. Golden hair piled high like we wore it twenty years ago. I hear she now wears it in curls on the shoulders. I call her tremendously attractive. In fact, she is beautiful. Her personality is amazing—one goes to smile, one stays to admire, and to give all your spare cents and your full admiration. She can wring blood from a stone when she desires money for her poor and needy, and she always rains her ends. Now she thinks the Talkie pictures the greatest agency for the spread of the Gospel since the invention of the printing press. I don't whether we will have her picture here, but it will no doubt be a very successful one, for hundreds of branch Churches are being started.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

THRILL-A-MINUTE AT THE QUEEN'S.

MURDER A LA MODE.

Everyone who is not totally bald should see "The Bishop Murder Case," now showing at the Queen's. It is a genuine hair-raiser, guaranteed to ruin even a permanent wave. As its name might imply, it is a murder mystery. And what a mystery! Four murders, a few other assorted demises, and a suicide—if that isn't value for money, we don't know what is!

Regarding these murders, they are all perfectly good ones, well thought out, and executed with neatness and despatch. Nothing to be alarmed about, either the stickier parts being left to the imagination. So here again, you may safely take your aunt to the talks.

We meet all our old friends here. The strong, not-too-silent private detective, the wooden-headed, but genial Police sergeant, the Man who is falsely Accused, (right up to the last five minutes), and the Girl who goes through it all to become Happy Ever After.

Great Stuff!

All the action takes place in New York, ad Lella Hyams, as the girl, talks like an American, which might be expected. Sexton Blake—or rather Philo Vance—the detective; however, gave one the impression of stepping straight off the boat from London. However, he might have been a Rhodes Scholar, for all we know.

At any rate, the diction, and enunciation throughout the film is very clear, and most acceptable. The action is very fast, as it should be in melodrama like this.

The plot is most ingenious, though more than difficult to describe. It's all mixed up with games of chess, nursery rhymes, tap-tap-tap in the disused attic, and mysterious messages. The denouement comes as a great surprise—naturally. So if you want to enjoy that thrill-a-minute feeling, go to see the "Bishop Murder Case." It's worth it.

Besides the main picture, there is the usual news reel, and another one in which two gentlemen in evening dress sing three songs. The first one is called "Auf Wiedersehn." It might have been left at that. Some wag in the audience applauded and demanded an encore when this reel finished. It was probably a "meant parascatic," but it was the best laugh of the evening.

GRETA GARBO SCORES IN "THE KISS."

PLOT IN PARIS.

A wealth of settings and photographic effects entailed extensive preparation when "The Kiss," Greta Garbo's new starring vehicle, was filmed at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio.

The action of the new picture, which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday, takes place in a French Court-room, a kennel show, an art exhibit, a prison, hotel, country home and a banquet. Special sets were designed and constructed upon plans and photographic prints sent from Lyons, France, where the plot is placed by Jacques Feyder, noted French director, who wrote and directed the Garbo film.

Hundreds of dogs of foreign breed were obtained for the kennel scenes and in the courtroom foreign newspaper correspondents filled the Press benches. Through-out the production extra players of French nativity, some thousand people, were given employment. The tennis court scenes bring to the screen one of Southern California's most picturesque spots, the green award and gardens of the Beverly Hills Hotel. Many charming scenic drives are included.

Throughout the picture Feyder established a startling lighting motif, making his characters fit into moving black and white settings symbolic of the mood they were portraying.

Miss Garbo, playing the most dramatic role of her career, took great interest in Feyder's film methods and lent every encouragement and effort toward furthering his ambitious striving for an artistic production.

Conrad Nagel, who first played opposite Miss Garbo in "The Mysterious Lady," again is seen as her leading man in the new picture, playing the part of the French baron who pleads for her life before the bar of justice because of his love. Anders Randolph, Lew Ayres and Holmes Herbert are included in the cast.

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"REDSKIN"

A new chapter has been written in the history of the motion picture. A new wonder has been revealed. "Redskin," the new Richard Dix epic of the West, which opened last night at the Central Theatre, marks an amazingly wonderful step forward.

Beautiful scenic backgrounds are revealed in all their true colour and beauty. The hills and valleys of the Indian country are reproduced for the screen just as the eye sees them in nature. And the powerfully gripping story true to Indian traditions and customs, unfolds in this native setting.

A master cast enacts this drama. Richard Dix, who made such a tremendous success of his picturisation of "The Vanishing American," turns his thoughts to the serious drama again and records a new masterpiece worthy of place with his previous enduring epic.

The power and majesty of music and the cleverly reproduced sound effects increase the realism of the picture. Here, indeed, sound can be measured for its true worth and the whole combination of colour, sound and story makes an emotion-stirring picture which will not soon be forgotten.

"POINTED HEELS."

Helen Kane, tousle-headed, dimple-kneed, baby-voiced crooner, sings two brand new songs, written specially for her, in "Pointed Heels," the Paramount all-talking picture which comes to the Central Theatre next week.

Playing the role of a vaudeville performer who makes good with her partner, Richard "Skeets" Gallagher in a big revue, she sings "Aintcha" and "I Have to Have You."

Miss Kane is featured in the picture with William Powell recently seen and heard in the portrayals of Philo Vance in "The Canary Murder Case" and "The Greene Murder Case."

The support is led by Fay Wray and Gallagher. "Pointed Heels" is based on a story by Charles Brackett, dramatic critic of The New Yorker. The story ran serially in College Humour. A. Edward Sutherland, director of "Fast Company" and "The Saturday Night Kid" produced "Pointed Heels."

"MADONNA OF AVENUE A."

Warner Brothers' latest production, "Madonna of Avenue A," starring Dolores Costello and Grant Withers, is being shown at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow at the usual times. In the role of a young girl who has been kept at a boarding school and never allowed to visit her mother in New York, Miss Costello gives a highly dramatic performance, and she is ably supported by Withers. Louise Dresser and George Marion are in the cast. The film has an exciting story and deals with a notorious East Side night club and gambling den.

In addition to the film, there are two comedies screened. In the first one Harold Lloyd is starred; whilst in the second the leading participants are Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.

NON-HIGHBROW SCHEME FOR LONDON.

London, Sept. 30. London is to have a "People's Theatre" on the line of the People's Theatre in Berlin.

The new scheme is being directed by Mr. J. T. Grein, the distinguished dramatic critic, and the well-known actress, Miss Nancy Price, who are negotiating for a West End Theatre. The idea is to provide entertainment for everybody, from members of the aristocracy to the humble workers.

An annual subscription of half a crown will entitle members to admission in any seat in the theatre for 2s. 4d.

The promoters hope to get 20,000 members. Ten thousand have already joined.

The whole theatre will be divided into stalls and dress circle, with a gallery to which members will be admitted for 6d.

No play will run for more than a month. There will be nothing "highbrow" about the entertainment, which will be chosen to attract people who normally go to cinemas.

Numbers of stage stars have agreed to appear in the productions. Mr. Grein, who was born in Amsterdam, became a naturalised British subject in 1895. He founded the "People's Theatre," Whitechapel, in 1928, and has been president of the "French Players" since 1916. He also founded the "Reynolds Theatre" and is director of the "Cosmopolitan Theatre." He is a dramatic critic for the "Weekly Sketch" and "Illustrated London News," and has published several books.

LON CHANEY.

HIS PHILOSOPHY REGARDING "DOWN AND OUTERS."

Hollywood, Calif., Sept. 1. Back of the distorted features which a vast movie public associated with the name of Lon Chaney lay a kindly philosophy which few knew about, writes Ivy Crane Wilson. In one of his last—if not his last—interview, he spoke freely because it concerned his view on what he called his "gniding" principles.

In it the actor revealed a surprising secret back of his repeated roles as a mis-shapen and frequently hideous victim of man's cruelty—to himself or others.

His credo: "I don't know if I have succeeded in leaving this impression with the public, but I play every character with the definite idea that no matter how bad or distorted the man portrayed may be, he is fundamentally good."

"No man is entirely devoid of good; at some moment every criminal, murderer and thief has had the word of God on his lips, with an unspoken prayer behind it."

"As for my endeavours to portray good in the hearts of sinful men, I believe that to radiate goodness is the greatest art in the world. If that light finally glows in a sin-scarred heart, so much better the proof of an all pervading goodness."

Chaney spoke with sincerity. To that small circle of intimate friends who knew of the actor's perpetual kindnesses to the unfortunate ones whom he contacted, his views were no surprise.

Much of his huge salary went for charities among the down-and-outers. And most of his time between camera shots was devoted to helping beginners with suggestions about their work.

"God has the same thought for the humble that he holds for his most beautiful works. That's why I keep a hand out to the underdogs," Chaney said.

"On the movie lots there are always plenty of hands to find a chair for the leading woman. I like to help the tired little extra."

"And I have found that when I send out a prayer to the Great Invisible God, everything seems to work out all right.—United Press."

HUGE COAL DEPOSITS.

Reported Tanganyika Discovery.

Extensive coal deposits have been discovered in the Tanganyika district which is under British mandate, according to a message from London.

The coal is bituminous and is capable of many by-products. Experts estimate the deposits at least 100,000,000 tons and believe that mining can be started immediately.

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WILL NEW BILL CURE UNEMPLOYMENT?

School Attendance Bill
to Cost £8,000,000.

TAXPAYERS HARD HIT.

London, Yesterday.
The Government's School At-
tendance Bill, raising the school
leaving age to 15, and providing
maintenance for school children
between 14 and 15, passed its
second reading in the House of
Commons to-day, after the defeat
of a Conservative motion for its
rejection by 294 votes to 227.

The Bill, which it was intend-
ed to pass before Christmas,
affects 500,000 children. The
Government claims that it will
keep 300,000 children off the la-
bour market for a year, and en-
able 150,000 adults to get jobs.

Sir Charles Trevelyan, a
Cabinet Minister, described the
Bill as "a charter for the average
child."

Lord Eustace Percy, opposing,
said that the Bill would increase
the taxation of the employee class
by £8,000,000 annually, and said
that the need was that education
should develop mental keenness
very largely in touch with and in
connection with the machine,
on which keenness would have to
be exercised.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON WARDER

PRISONER REMANDED FOR
ANOTHER WEEK.

MR. PLUMB'S PROGRESS.

Prisoner No. 1614 Chui Siu-
chung made his third formal ap-
pearance before Mr. E. H. Williams
at the Central-Second Court this
morning, on the charge of having
caused grievous bodily harm to
Acting Principal Warder Bert
Plumb, in Victoria Gaol on October
22.

Detective-Inspector W. Shannon
asked for another week's remand.

In reply to the Magistrate, he
said the Mr. Plumb was progress-
ing very favourably in hospital, but
that the doctor thought that he
would not be fit to appear in Court
for other two or three weeks. In-
spector Shannon said that the hear-
ing of the case would not take long
except for four important wit-
nesses.

It would make the case simpler
if the complainant gave his evi-
dence first.

Mr. Williams granted the re-
mand.

10,000 HEROIN PILLS.

CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

CHINESE REMANDED.

A charge of the unlawful posses-
sion of 10,000 heroin pills was
brought against a Chinese who ap-
peared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at
the Central Court this morning.

Revenue Officer Mr. A. W. Grim-
mitt said that the Analyst's certi-
ficate would not be ready till to-
morrow.

Dealing with the case, Mr. Grim-
mitt said that pills were in ten tins
which were done up in one pack-
age. The man was arrested in
Connaught Road Central, and had
told the Revenue Officers that a
man whom he had seen on the
steamer King Yuen (which had
just returned from Canton) had
given him \$2 to carry the contra-
band. The man refused to give the
name of the place to which he was
taking, and also refused to give his
local address. He stated that he
lived in Macao.

Defendant was remanded in cus-
tody till to-morrow morning.

ARMY PROMOTION.

BRITISH OFFICER GOING HOME.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Brigadier Borrett has been pro-
moted Major-General. He is leav-
ing for Home on January 7.

His successor is Lt. Col. George
Fleming, of the Welch Regiment,
who is arriving at the end of De-
cember.—Reuter.

MONEY LEFT.

LORD BROTHERTON'S FORTUNE OF \$1,720,000.

London, Yesterday.

The estate of the late Lord
Brotherton, the well-known York-
shire industrialist, is expected to
be proved at about \$1,720,000.

Public bequests made by him
include \$100,000 to Leeds Uni-
versity, \$20,000 each to the cities of
Wakefield, Leeds and Birmingham,
for charitable and educational pur-
poses, and \$5,000 each to the Arch-
bishop of York and the Bishop of
Wakefield and Ripon, for Church
objects.—British Wireless Service.

TOO LITTLE EMPIRE WHEAT USED.

Quota to Secure Greater Proportion.

PRESENT PERCENTAGE LOW

Rugby, Yesterday.
The heads of the delegations to
the Imperial Conference will con-
sider next week the agreed report
by the economic co-operation com-
mittee over which the President of
the Board of Trade, Mr. W.

Graham, presided, upon the ap-
plication of the quota system to
Empire wheat. The object of the
quota is to secure that guaranteed
and if possible an increasing pro-
portion of the total quantity of
wheat milled in the United King-
dom should be of Empire origin.

Mr. Graham's committee report
is the result of a preliminary ex-
amination of the scheme in its
technical aspects. Of milling
wheat and flour imported into the
United Kingdom about 47 per
cent. have Empire origin. The
scheme was examined in the light
of a quota for the whole of the
Empire, and the possibility of
special quotas for different parts
of the Empire was ruled out as
administratively impracticable.

The question of a guaranteed
price was not raised the scheme
being examined as a method of
securing to the Empire a guaran-
teed share at world prices. The
Committee concluded that if
the method were adopted,
there would be no in-
superable difficulties in the way of
working it.—British Wireless Ser-
vice.

BANK NOTES SLUMP.

60,000,000 NOTES IN THE SHANSI MARKET.

TREASURY DEPLETED.

Canton, Yesterday.

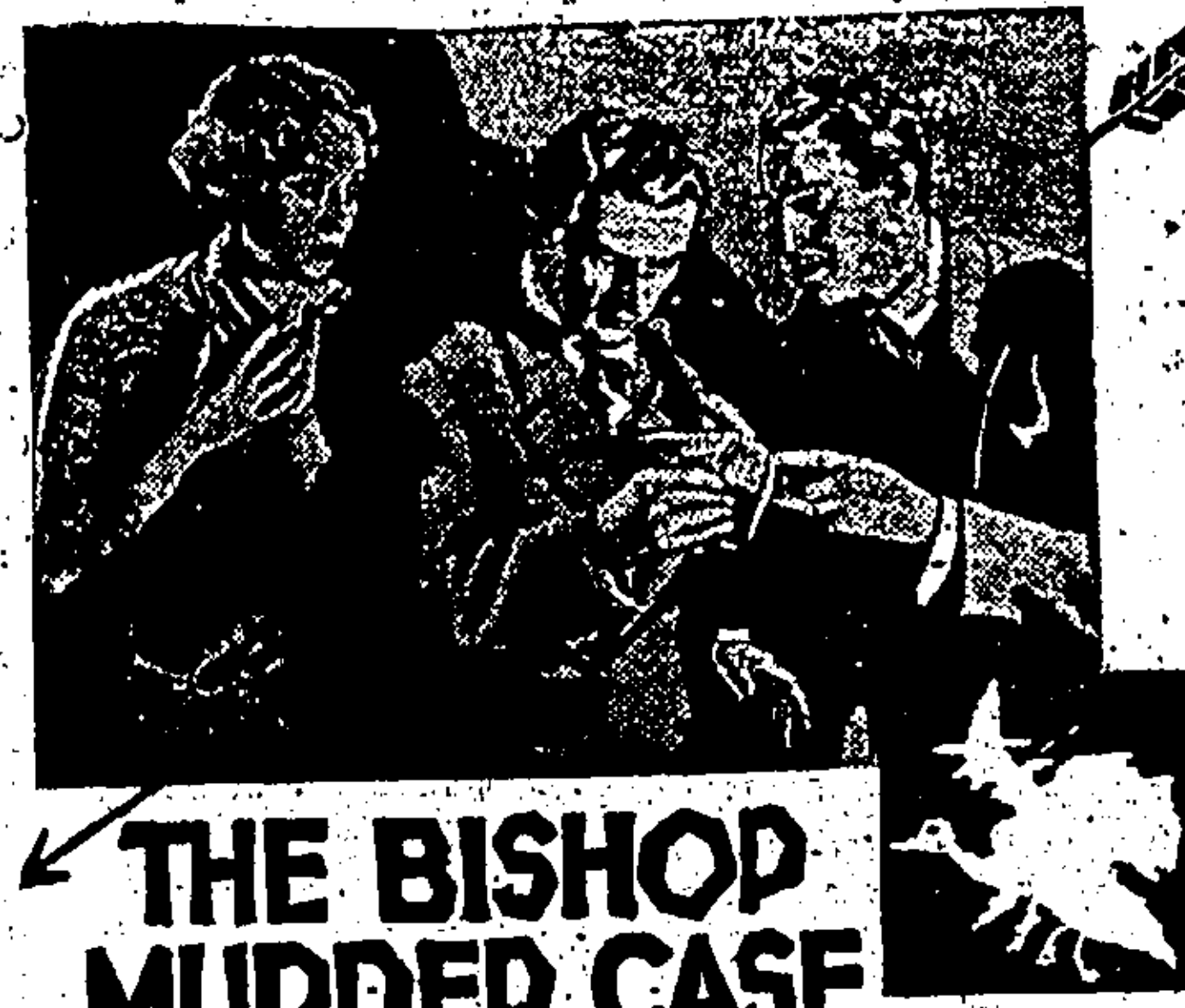
In view of the heavy depreciation
of the Shansi banknotes, the Gen-
eral Chamber of Commerce at Tai-
yuan summoned a meeting on
November 4, which decided to re-
quest Yen Hsi-shan to formulate a
plan for the early redemption of
the notes. In the market, it is
understood, there are 60,000,000
Shansi bank notes, whose value Yen
has neither the intention nor the
means of maintaining. Moreover,
the Shansi civil and military officials
and officers are alleged to have re-
mitted all available cash abroad,
thus seriously depleting the Shansi
provincial treasury.—Canton News
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